

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF GORAL
(*NEMORHÆDUS*) SHOT BY CAPTAIN
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Capt. F. M. Bailey recently sent to Messrs. Rowland Ward the skin and skull of an adult specimen of a Goral shot in Po Me in Tibet and, suspecting it might prove of interest from the locality standpoint, if from no other, asked me to examine it. His suspicions proved well founded, for the specimen turns out to be an undescribed form related to the two Himalayan species of Goral (*Nemorhædus goral*, and *N. hodgsoni*) recently described in this Journal (J. Bombay Nat. His. Soc. XXII, pp. 313-314, 1913). Its relationship with these species and not with the Chinese types of goral is shown by the shortness of the tail and by the extension of the black patch over the knees of the front legs.

NEMORHÆDUS BAILEYI, sp. n.

General colour a uniform dark-brown on the body, rather paler on the sides and belly than on the back, but with no distinct black speckling on the hairs. A black spinal stripe extending from the crown of the head to the tail, deeper in tint upon the head and neck than on the back and gradually fading posteriorly upon the croup. Tail short and mostly black, but with some brown hairs on its upper side. A distinct dark patch above the rhinarium on the muzzle. Upper and lower lips with a narrow white rim, but the rest of the lips darkish. At the upper end of the throat a narrow elongated area of white hairs and the hair-whorls on the inner side at the base of the forelegs forming two large white patches. Forelegs dark yellowish brown, brighter on the feet and on the inner side; a short black patch extending over the middle of the knee but not above or below it to any appreciable extent. Hind legs the same colour on the front, without any definite dark strike extending up their posterior surface towards the root of the tail; inside of thighs at base dirty white.

Measurements.—Length of head and body $42\frac{3}{4}$ in.; height at shoulder $25\frac{1}{4}$ in.; length of tail $3\frac{1}{4}$ in.; of ear $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.; of horns 5 in.

Loc. Dre on bank of Yigrong Tso (Lake) in Po Me. 9,000 ft. July 3rd, 1913. An adult male, example (*Type*).

The dark coloration and the presence of the black spinal stripe rugged. Hindrip between this species and *N. hodgsoni* rather thin

with the grey goral *N. goral*. The three may be distinguished and contrasted as follows:—

- a.* A very small white patch at the upper end of the throat; a large conspicuous white patch on each side of the chest in front close to the base of the legs *baileyi*.
- b.* A large white or dirty white patch at upper end of throat; patches on the chest near forelegs not white and not sharply differentiated from the adjacent area.
- a*¹. Dark brown speckled with black, a dark spinal line, etc. *hodgsoni*.
- b*¹. Grey, speckled with black, no conspicuous dark spinal stripe *goral*.

From the brief diagnosis contained in the table, I have omitted the general coloration of *N. baileyi* which differs from that of *N. hodgsoni* and of *N. goral* in being without the black speckling on the hairs, the colour being remarkably uniformly brown. This may prove to be a distinctive character but the coat is not in sufficiently good condition to justify confidence on that point.